

## STATE NEWS.

Doings and Happenings of the Day—  
Occurrences for Weal  
or Woe.Gatherings from Over the State Reported  
Specially for the Gazette by Its  
Own Correspondents.

## Maintained by a Roman Candle.

**Special to the Gazette.**  
**RICHLAND, TEX., Dec. 23.**—Yesterday evening Charley Beckman playfully pointed a roman candle towards the door of Mr. Wienberger's store and fired it off. The contents took effect in the eye of Mrs. Wienberger. It is feared that she will lose the eye. Such carelessness would hardly be excusable in small children.

## Meridian.

**Correspondence of the Gazette.**  
**MERIDIAN, TEX., Dec. 22.**—The commissioners' court met Monday in special session to determine the result of the local option election in precincts 4 and 7, in precinct 4, which includes the towns of Morgan, Kopper and Kimball, local option was defeated by a large majority. Valley Mills and Rock Church, constituting precinct 7, adopted local option by a majority of thirty-three votes.

## An Informer Hanged.

**Special to the Gazette.**  
**RICHLAND, TEX., Dec. 23.**—George Evans and Aaron Johnson, two ex-convicts, were arrested near Walker's Station in this county for stealing a trunk and \$40, upon the affidavit of Henry Evans on last Wednesday. After the arrest four other ex-convicts pointed upon one Jackson, who gave information of the arrest, beat him nearly to death, hanged him to a limb three times and then left him more dead than alive. The back of the unfortunate man is almost raw from the beating. Perhaps this is the forerunner of establishing a convict farm in this county. The perpetrators are in jail.

## Belton.

**Special to the Gazette.**  
**BELTON, TEX., Dec. 23.**—Business today was brisk. The committee on locating Baylor university was in the city prospecting. Mr. Breddow addressed the citizens of Belton to-night on the location of the university. Suitable building grounds have been tendered to the committee free of charge, and other very desirable places offered at low figures.

The hazard given by the ladies of the Episcopal church closed last night, clearing \$150 as expenses.

A grand masquerade ball was given at the opera-house to-night, under the auspices of the Entre Nous club.

## On Trial for Embezzlement.

**Special to the Gazette.**  
**PALESTINE, TEX., Dec. 23.**—The state withdrew its application for a change of venue in the case of R. B. Hastings charged with embezzling \$100 from Henshaw & Co. bookkeeper for him in 1885. The defendant is now on trial. There are six indictments against Hastings for embezzling money from the same party, the total sum alleged to have been taken amounting to \$5000. Hastings is now in the employ of the International & Great Northern Railway company. The case has excited much interest, and the witnesses have been placed under the rule and are constantly guarded by the sheriff. Maj. Henshaw is the chief prosecuting witness, and is now being subjected to a rigid cross-examination.

## Unable to Agree.

**Correspondence of the Gazette.**  
**EASTLAND, TEX., Dec. 23.**—The Hamilton rape case was resumed again Monday morning. At the convening of the court J. M. Morgan opened the argument for the state and occupied the time of the court until 12 o'clock. He was followed by R. B. Truby in an exhaustive argument for the defense. Then came B. W. Camp, district attorney for the state. He was followed by James B. McTeer, the distinguished orator of Cisco, and Major Davenport of Eastland for the defense. Col. J. J. Boon of Sweetwater closed for the state in one of his ablest efforts. The jury retired late last night and reported this morning that they have been unable to agree. The court sent them out for further deliberation, but there seems no chance for a verdict.

## Confessed Himself a Horse-Thief.

**Special to the Gazette.**  
**SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Dec. 23.**—This morning a Mexican entered the Dougherty stockyards on a dun horse, with bare marks of fatigue and was bathed in foam and perspiration. The man's conduct was so suspicious that Sheriff Nat Lewis was quietly communicated with. He immediately asked the man his name. He replied that it was George Cantu, and said that he had come in from the Polanco. The sheriff knowing Cantu declared this to be false, and the Mexican then admitted that his name was Narcisco Rios, and that he lived on the Medina. He also admitted that the horse he rode was stolen by him. He was then arrested and placed in jail. Rios, on the 6th of December last year, stole a horse from Francisco Medina and coming into town managed to sell it.

## Blossom Prairie.

**Correspondence of the Gazette.**  
**BLOSSOM PRAIRIE, TEX., Dec. 22.**—Mr. A. H. Lotimer, grand worthy chief templar of Texas, addressed a good audience last night and organized a fine Good Templars lodge. Mr. Lotimer takes right hold of his audience and keeps up interest unabated throughout his address. He offends no one and yet deals out truth mightily as it is on this great subject. His address of one hour and a half last night seemed not more than forty-five minutes.

Our Sunday-schools have provided a Christmas tree for the little ones for Thursday night.

The Christmas entertainment of the academy will be given on to-morrow night.

The voice of the fire cracker is already heard in the land and verily Christmas is upon us.

## Dallas Hymenaeal Notes.

**Special to the Gazette.**  
**DALLAS, TEX., Dec. 23.**—H. E. Zilms-son and Miss Jennie E. Portwood, an eloping couple from Parker county, were married to-day. They both swore that Miss Portwood was over eighteen, but experts in determining the ages of femininity say she cannot be over fourteen.

Married, at the residence of Mr. G. A. McDowell, brother of the groom, Mr. T. A. McDowell and Mrs. J. C. Barber. Gen. L. M. Lewis, pastor of the Methodist church, performed the ceremony.

The groom is a most estimable gentleman, of high social and business standing, and the bride a lady who for several years resided at Fort Worth, where she has many friends.

James Ogas, a Mexican, and Parolie Bethuram, an Indian squaw, appeared before County Judge Bower to-day, and handing him a license, asked him to marry them. The judge tied the knot with his accustomed neatness and dispatch, but he waived the privilege of kissing the bride.

Mrs. Frank T. Barnes of Dallas left for Greenville last night to spend the holidays with her uncle, Rev. R. W. Priest.

The "Exposition Universelle de Paris Cullinaire" awarded the highest honors to Angostura Bitters as the most efficacious stimulant to excite the appetite and to keep the digestive organs in good order. Ask for the genuine article, manufactured only by Dr. J. G. B. Stegert & Sons, and beware of imitations.

## GREAT SCHOLARS TALK.

**On What Meant Doth This Our Censur Feed  
That He has Grown so Big?**

Several weeks ago "John and George" asked THE GAZETTE to answer the question "are there any two words in the English language synonymous?" The answer was given, and as the following letters show, was correct. The subject was generally discussed, and a number of bets made, when, to decide the question, the professors of language at Cornell, Yale, and Columbia were written to by Mr. L. A. Schwartz, who took an interest in the matter. The replies are as follows:

## YALE COLLEGE.

**NEW HAVEN, Dec. 12, 1885.**—DEAR SIR: The question you ask is a very difficult one to answer unqualifiedly. There are many words which in certain uses are exactly synonymous, and yet again in other uses might be employed with a decidedly distinct meaning; or even if the distinct, with a difference that even a word would feel though it might be hard to express. To answer absolutely would require a man to look over the whole field of the language and look up every pair of synonymous words all through their various and varying applications, with the chance that after all he might overlook some usage that was on the very surface. But to come down to specific things, I am disposed to say there are some words in our tongue that are precisely synonymous, though few in number, and I should suppose in every case representing the two elements that make up our speech, the Teutonic and the Romance. Thus, for instance I can not think of the slightest difference there could be in any case between the words *united* and *unitedly*; the former representing the Romance element and the latter the Teutonic. It is, however, right to add that language is always economical of its resources, and will rarely allow two words long to remain in use with precisely the same meaning. There is always a tendency going on to de-synonymize words and to introduce discriminations in their use; and even if two words can be found now absolutely synonymous, the chances are very much against their being allowed to remain so for a long period of time. Very truly yours,

T. R. LOUGHSBURY.

## THE CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

**ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 3, 1885.**—MY DEAR SIR: I have received yours of the 28th of November. There are numerous pairs of words which may be said to be perfectly synonymous, so far as the intellectual conceptions which they represent are concerned, but they, for the most part, make somewhat different impressions in other words, they are not aesthetically synonymous. This is felt especially in the higher poetry, in the reading of which the feelings are more active than in the reading of unimpassioned prose. The difference would be felt even in the case of such synonyms as *old* and *young*. These two words may be said to be, intellectually, entirely synonymous; and yet, under certain relations, one could not properly be used instead of the other. The two words *decease* and *superior* are, intellectually, synonymous, the one being Saxon and the other Latin (super-over, and viscer-seer) and yet any one with a nice feeling for words would spontaneously and unconsciously use one instead of the other, according to the relations in which it would be placed. And so of the intellectually synonymous words *foreman* and *precursor* (pre-for, and cursive-run-ner).

See, also, the note in Webster's unabridged under the word *synonymous*, and see also DeQuincey's essay "On Wordsworth's Poetry," in his "Essays on the Poets," third paragraph from the beginning.

In a language of great vitality, like English, if two words should be, for awhile, so perfectly synonymous that no difference in their meaning could even be felt, they would soon become more or less de-synonymized. This is true even in the case of the same word having two ac-centuations; as for example, *mischievous* and *mischievous*; a *mischievous* child is one given to little but innocent tricks; a *mischievous* person is one who is given to things which do harm to society and individuals.

Where a word is pronounced in two ways, as in the word "clerk" in this country (namely, clerk and clerk); the two pronunciations get to have a somewhat different application; one who uses both pronunciations of the word clerk is disposed to apply the former (clerk) to an inferior, and the latter (clerk) to a superior kind of clerk—the clerk in a grocery store, and the clerk of the house of representatives.

If we should take the authority of newspaper scribblers, we should find plenty of pairs of words which are used indiscriminately, for the reason that such scribblers have not attained to a nice feeling of words; but if we take the authority of masters of the language, we shall find that words perfectly synonymous in every respect hardly exist in the language. I am, very respectfully, yours,

Hiram Canon.

## Professor of Anglo-Saxon and English Literature, Cornell University.

## COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

**NEW YORK, Dec. 3, 1885.**—DEAR SIR: In respect of the question asked in your letter of the 28th of November, it has often been said that in a living language no two words, however closely they approach, have exactly the same meaning. This is probably true, if we allow the historical associations and the atmosphere of a word to constitute a part of its meaning. But there are many cases, I think, when no intellectual subtlety can establish any solid difference in practice as between two synonyms.

Respectfully,  
 To Mr. L. A. Schwartz, Fort Worth, Tex.

## Advice to Mothers.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhea. 25 cents a bottle.

## SHERMAN.

A Would-be Sport Eucured Out of His  
Coin Resorts to Law to  
Get Even.A Harness House Falls—Marriage of a Pop-  
ular Physician—To Play With a  
Female Team.

## Special to the Gazette.

**SHERMAN, TEX., Dec. 23.**—The case of Burrell Bond was called last evening in the district court, and is still in progress. Defendant is charged in connection with George Leonard with the unlawful taking of about \$40 from one Pierce, from near Howe, who states that he was in a gambling room on the north side of the square, and was bantered for a game of euchre. When he refused to play the parties present taunted him with having no money, and when he pulled out his purse to show that he had, the lights were instantly extinguished and the money snatched from his hand. Several other parties besides the accused were in the room at the time, but Pierce swore that the parties accused committed the offense. The defendant's witnesses say that Pierce was on a drunk and an hour before this taking is charged to have been done he was hunting somebody to play with, saying he was an old euchre-player and could get away with any man in town at that game.

The great and only Young Ladies' Base Ball club will be in Sherman Friday, and will play a picked nine from the Grayson Rifles at the park at 2:30 p. m. of that day. They also give a drill at night at the opera-house. The military boys expect to take the ladies on their arms and march to the park, headed by the Sherman cornet band, and this gallant expedition will no doubt attract a great crowd to witness the sport. It would be ungalant to defeat the brave beauties, and the gentlemen can cloak a lost game under the guise of politeness to ladies, which will be a convenient excuse for defeat.

J. R. Cravens of Gainesville returned from Dallas this morning at 1 o'clock with his new bride, Miss Agnes Wright, and took the 4 o'clock train for home. J. E. Bailey, Esq., who attended the bridegroom through his embarrassing ordeal, returned in company with the happy pair. Dr. H. C. Morrow, a popular physician of Sherman, led Mrs. Francis B. Harris to the altar last evening at the residence of D. W. Potter, the bride's father. Rev. Chris. T. Dunroche, rector of St. Stephens Episcopal church, conducted the ceremony in the beautiful forms of his church, and the occasion was celebrated by a few chosen friends in a feast of delicacies and social intercourse. The contracting parties are both popular with Sherman folks, and many is the wish that the approaching Christmas festivities may be more joyous to them than any that ever preceded.

Charley Gains, colored, who has been up for an examining trial several days before United States Commissioner Ricketts, was held to answer the charge of theft of cattle to-day in a bond of \$500. He was immediately arraigned for killing and skinning cattle, before the same tribunal. Work commenced this morning to grade the sidewalks on North Travis streets, to make the crossing of the Texas & Pacific railroad more pleasant and safer to the citizens who live north. These approaches have been laid for years, and the council made an order to erect foot bridges over the track, a few months ago, but when the bents were put up it was discovered that the approaches would cut off access to several residences on either side, so they were condemned and taken away.

Almost every saloon in the city has some handsome article of use or ornament posted for a raffle for to-morrow evening. The fellows who take a chance and throw high will be made proud, for there are some real household treasures in the list. The approach of Christmas has augmented the express business two hundred fold during the past week. The Pacific ships off at least a car-load of packages daily and the Wells-Fargo business has increased in like proportion.

The saddle and harness house of R. P. Bates & Co. here, and the branch house at Denison, were closed this afternoon at 5 o'clock under an attachment for \$3700, sued out by the Merchants and Planters' National bank.

## An End to Bone Scraping.

Edward Shepherd of Harrisburg, Ill., says: "Having received so much benefit from Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. I have had a run of bone on my leg for eight years; my doctors told me I would have to have the bone scraped or leg amputated. I used, instead, three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my leg is now sound and well."

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**Cartload of Plunder from a Jewelry Store.**  
**MILTON, ONT., Dec. 23.**—Early this morning burglars broke into the jewelry store of Ramsey & Co., and carried off a cartload of jewelry, silverware, money, etc. The store was cleaned out. The stolen goods were worth many thousands of dollars.

A meeting of the directors of the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway company will be held at the office of the company in the city of Fort Worth on Saturday, January 2, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., by order of the president. W. A. Ross, Secretary.

## PARIS.

**The Paris & Northwestern Directors to Elect New Officers.**  
**Special to the Gazette.**

**PARIS, TEX., Dec. 23.**—Mr. Mardenburg, in consequence of pressing duties, has resigned the position of local treasurer of the Marshall, Paris & Northwestern railroad, to take effect January 1, 1886.

Mr. A. L. McMurray is recovering from his illness.

The ball on the 29th at the Hotel Peterson promises to be a very grand affair.

The election of directors of the Paris & Great Northern railroad will take place on Saturday.

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